

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2016

Present

Sue Spang Chairperson  
David Kennedy Vice-Chairperson  
Crispin Fresco-Hawes  
Doug Morrow  
Pam Henry  
Diane Weston Member/Recording Secretary

Absent

Al Giansanti  
Vacancy

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**1. MINUTES:**

M/S/C (Henry/Kennedy) to approve the February 16, 2016 minutes as presented.  
Vote: Approved unanimous.

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

No report.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**4. ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS**

M/S/C (Kennedy/Weston) to make Eagle Scout Project agenda item 4a. Vote: approved unanimous.  
M/S/C (Henry/Morrow) to make Baseball with Art Christen and Art Bergman agenda item 4b.  
Vote: approved unanimous.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Eagle Scout Project**

Mike Esposito presented an Eagle Scout project for a "Gaga Pit" to be built at Volunteer Park on Forsyth Rd. It is a gentler version of dodge ball.  
Discussion took place on sand vs. wood chips for the bottom; weed barrier; pressure treated wood and length of wood; plastic for the tops of the boards; etc.  
The Commission asked Mike to rework some figures and come back next month. The Commission thought the Gaga Pit would be a great addition to the park.  
(See attached)

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**b. Baseball with Art Christen and Art Bergman**

Art Christen thanked the Commission for gym use over the holidays. He presented a drawing to the Commission for soft toss netting to be connected to the batting cage.  
(See attached.)

**M/S/C (Kennedy/Morrow) to approve the SYBL proposal to add soft toss netting to existing batting cage fence.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

Art Bergman informed the Commission that registration is completed for the season. There are 12 teams total: 4 tee ball; 3 rookie, 1 minor; 1 major. Softball: 2 minors, 1 rookie and 1 major. He asked when the fields would be ready for use; Don Bourdeau told him within a week depending on the weather.

Games will begin on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, opening day is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Commission asked that SYBL give a schedule for practices and games to the Commission.

There will be fundraiser tickets sold for the Tigers games to benefit families in town that have been affected by cancer.

Salem Babe Ruth will play with East Lyme this year. Practices and games could be held in Salem; a schedule is needed from East Lyme along with an MOU and insurance.

Don Bourdeau stated the teeball field will be worked on.

Also, the drainage between the baseball field and the playground will be worked on over the summer when it is dry. It will not be addressed before opening day.

S. Spang stated the Salem's Lions Club is not interested in running the concession stand this year. S. Spang asked Art Bergman to be sure the concession stand is clean; the water will be turned on for opening day for bathroom use.

**c. BOF Capital Request**

S. Spang reported she attended the BOF meeting last week after receiving a call from the Chair of the Board. The Board asked that expense of the Forsyth Road project be split into two parts.

Discussion took place on how the project should be continued; it was decided that the septic and bathrooms should be done next seeing that the well had been approved in the 2015/2016 budget.

**M/S/C (Kennedy/Fresco-Hawes) that the Recreation Commission agrees to request an appropriation in the amount of \$70,000 to construct bathrooms, storage, septic, and site work for Volunteer Park.**

**Vote: approved unanimous.**

**d. Scoreboard**

D. Kennedy reported the poles are ready to be set for the scoreboard (to take place on Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>). Don Bourdeau will check with Eversource for the power and LED lights. D. Morrow will arrange delivery of the scoreboard to the Zemko building.

**e. Rec Website**

It was discussed for Recreation to have their own website then it can be updated when it is needed by the Chair and the Program Coordinator. Options will be explored.

**f. Recreation Clerk Update**

S. Spang informed the Commission four applications have been received.

**g. Facilities Update**

No discussion.

**h. Articles for *Our Town***

S. Spang mentioned if anyone would care to submit an article for Recreation the next issue will be a summer issue.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Volunteer Park** – See c. BOF Capital Request

**b. Baseball** – See b. Baseball with Art Christen and Art Bergman

**c. Soccer** – No report.

**d. Basketball-** S. Spang asked D. Morrow to look into replacement nets for the RHR basketball courts.

**M/S/C (Weston/Fresco-Hawes) to authorize up to \$400 to replace the rims and nets at the Round Hill Round basketball courts.**

**e. Tennis** – The nets are installed.

**f. Multi-purpose Path** – No report.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

S. Spang reported the bollards will be installed for opening day.

**8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Community Ice Skating Rink**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C (Kennedy/Spang) to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Diane Weston  
Member/Recording Secretary